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35TH CONGRESS, 1st Session. } HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. { REPORT No. 283.

WILLIAM B. GOODWIN, HEIR OF FRANCIS LE BARON GOODWIN.

APRIL 17, 1858.

Mr. CURRY, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William B. Goodwin, report:

That petitioner claims five years' full pay, or the commutation in lieu thereof, for the services of Francis Le Baron Goodwin, who, he alleges, was his father, and served to the end of the revolutionary war in the capacity of surgeon's mate. The evidence to prove the service is very slight, consisting of the certificate of one John Thacher, which, in the form presented, and unsustained, is hardly satisfactory. A letter from the Third Auditor states that the records of his office furnish no information of the length or character of the service rendered by Mr. Goodwin.

Under the resolves of Congress, surgeons' mates were not entitled to half-pay for life, or a commutation of five years in lieu thereof There is no special pre-eminence in the character or value of such services, or in the proof accompanying this application, to require a relaxation of the general rule of exclusion.

The committee, therefore, report adversely to the petition of Wm. B. Goodwin.

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